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SPOT REPORT FCL-UP NR TWC AND FINAL TC 2/H3/VCK/R413-66

DTG 05/0950Z SEP 66

AIR ENGAGEMENT WEST OF NAM DINH - TWO F-8'S SHOT DOWN

DPV TACTICAL VOICE COMMS INTERCEPTED BETWEEN 05/0936Z AND 05/0950Z SEP 66 REVEALED THAT ANS AIR ENGAGEMENT TOOK PLACE WEST OF NAM DINH (2220N 10611E) RESULTING IN THE DESTRUCTION OF TWO F-8'S.

ALREADY AIRBOURNE PRIOR TO INTERCEPT OF COMMS AT 0935Z, TWO HANOI/GIA LAM-BASED MIGS WERE NOTED HEADING DUE SOUTH. CLOSING TO WITHIN 8 NM OF THE HOSTILE ACFT AT 0936Z, THE MIGS TURNED RIGHT AND WERE ORDERED TO LOCK ON BY THE GCI CONTROLLER. THE MIGS BEGAN THEIR ATTACK AT 0937Z AND THE PILOTS IDENTIFIED THE HOSTILES AS F-8'S. AT 093917Z, ONE OF THE PILOTS SCREAMED INTO HIS MICROPHONE QUOTE SHOT INTO FLAMES...SEE IT FALLING...I SHOT UNQUOTE. THE PILOT THEN STATED THAT HE WAS ATTACKING A SECOND TIME AND THE SOUND OF CANNON FIRE BECAME AUDIBLE THROUGH OPEN MICROPHONE CONDITIONS. AT 0940Z THE REACTING MIGS TURNED RIGHT AND INDICATED THAT THE ATTACK WAS FINISHED. THE CONTROLLER THEN QUERIED THE FLIGHT LEADER IF HE HAD SHOT TWO ACFT. THE PILOT REPLIED QUOTE I SHOT TWO ACFT INTO FLAMES THERE...SAW THEM FALLING THERE UNQUOTE. THE PILOTS ACKNOWLEDGED INSTRUCTIONS TO RECOVER SHORTLY BEFORE 0941Z AND TURNED DUE NORTH. ON THEIR RETURN TO HANOI/GIA LAM, THE MIG PILOTS WERE INSTRUCTED TO FLY COVER FOR EACH OTHER. AT 0942Z, THE FLIGHT LEADER AGAIN MADE REFERENCE TO DESTROYING TWO F-8'S. THE MIGS ENTERED THE PATTERN AT 0945Z AND WERE NOTED LANDING AT HANOI/GIA LAM BEFORE 0948Z.

AT 0939Z, TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIGS WERE NOTED HEADING DUE SOUTH. THE MIGS APPROACHED TO WITHIN 22 NM OF THE HOSTILE ACFT AT 0940Z AND WERE ORDERED TO OPEN THEIR WEAPONS SWITCH, HOWEVER NO REFERENCE TO AND ATTACK WAS MADE. THE MIGS TURNED NORTH NORTHWEST AT 0941Z AND RETURNED TO THE HAFCI AREA. COMMENTS ~~MICROPHONE CHARACTERISTICS SUGGEST~~ THE REACTING MIGS WERE MIG-17'S.

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